

FISCAL NOTE - CAPTION BILL

HB 125 - SB 580

April 5, 2000

CAPTION BILL: Fiscal note reflects amendment filed to lift bill from House Clerk's desk (012223).

SUMMARY OF BILL: Specifies that the motion picture ratings of "R" for restricted and "X" restrict admittance to such films by persons under 17 years of age. Under current law, motion picture theaters are responsible for ensuring that persons under 18 years of age are prevented from buying tickets for movies with other ratings and then viewing an "R" or "X" rated picture. Under the provisions of this bill this responsibility would refer to persons under 17 years of age.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Impact depends upon the number of persons who would have been convicted of the offense of failing to ensure those restricted from seeing certain movies are prevented from doing so, which is a Class A misdemeanor, and the resulting decreased cost to local governments for not having to confine such persons versus the decreased revenues to local governments from fines that would have been levied and collected in the absence of the bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial "J".

James A. Davenport, Executive Director